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Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.68 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Crop Production report. If realized, the production will be a new record high, topping last year's 2.51 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 197 bushels per acre, an increase of 5 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, the yield will break last year's previous record high for Iowa. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 14.0 million acres. An estimated 13.6 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 550 million bushels. If realized, this will be the second all-time high, behind last year's 554 million bushels. The August 1 yield forecast is 57.0 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushels more than 2015. If realized, this will be a new record high yield, topping last year's current record high. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 9.80 million acres with 9.65 million acres to be harvested.

Oat production for grain is forecast at 3.60 million bushels. The expected yield is 68.0 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels **from** 2015, but up 3.0 bushels from the July forecast. An estimated 53,000 acres will be harvested for grain.

Iowa hay yield for **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** is expected to be 4.00 tons per acre with a total production of 3.00 million tons, virtually unchanged from the previous year. The projected yield for **other hay** is 2.20 tons per acre, with production at 770,000 tons, down 18 percent from 2015.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on August 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 12.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Iowa and United States: 2015 and Forecasted August 1, 2016

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
IOWA						
Corn(bu)	13,050	13,600	192.0	197.0	2,505,600	2,679,200
Hay, alfalfa(bu)	770	750	3.90	4.00	3,003	3,000
Hay, other.....(bu)	390	350	2.40	2.20	936	770
Oats(bu)	57	53	73.0	68.0	4,161	3,604
Soybeans(bu)	9,800	9,650	56.5	57.0	553,700	550,050
UNITED STATES						
Corn(bu)	80,749	86,550	168.4	175.1	13,601,198	15,153,472
Hay, alfalfa(bu)	17,778	18,065	3.32	3.40	58,974	61,507
Hay, other.....(bu)	36,659	38,062	2.06	2.07	75,414	78,973
Oats(bu)	1,276	1,165	70.2	66.0	89,535	76,854
Soybeans(bu)	81,814	83,037	48.0	48.9	3,929,160	4,060,188

U.S. Corn Supply and Use

CORN	2014-2015	2015-2016 (Est.)	2016-2017 ¹ Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	1,232	1,731	1,706
Production	14,216	13,601	15,153
Imports	32	65	50
Supply, total	15,479	15,397	16,909
Feed & Residual	5,314	5,200	5,675
Food, Seed & Industrial	6,567	6,567	6,650
Domestic, total	11,881	11,767	12,325
Exports	1,867	1,925	2,175
Use, total	13,748	13,692	14,500
Ending Stocks, total	1,731	1,706	2,409
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	3.70	3.55 – 3.65	2.85 – 3.45

¹ Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use

SOYBEANS	2014-2015	2015-2016 (Est.)	2016-2017 ¹ Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	92	191	255
Production	3,927	3,929	4,060
Imports	33	25	30
Supply, total	4,052	4,145	4,346
Crushings	1,873	1,900	1,940
Exports	1,842	1,880	1,950
Seed	96	97	95
Residual	50	12	31
Use, total	3,862	3,889	4,016
Ending stocks	191	255	330
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	10.10	8.95	8.35 – 9.85

¹ Preliminary

United States Summary

Corn production is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up 11 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 175.1 bushels per acre, up 6.7 bushels from 2015. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.6 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but up 7 percent from 2015.

Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.06 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record 48.9 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.0 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 1 percent from 2015. Planted area for the Nation is estimated at a record 83.7 million acres, also unchanged from June.